Law Commission's reports on custodial deaths

740. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission headed by Mr. Justice K. N. Singh had submitted a report on custodial deaths in the past;

(b) if so, when;

(c) what were its recommendations;

(d) whether any recommendations were accepted by Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government are planning to publish this report, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARADWAJ): (a) and (b) The 13th Law Commission headed by Mr. Justice K.N. Singh had submitted the 162nd report on "Custodial Crimes" on August 26, 1994.

(c) The report contains recommendations for amendment of substantive and procedural laws, including amendment of some of the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and the Evidence Act, 1872.

(d) and (e) Steps have been taken to prepare the Hindi version of the report. The report will be published and the recommendations of the Commission examined after the same is placed before both Houses of Parliament.

Law Commission

741. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of members in the present Law Commission, what are their names and the period for which they have been appointed; and

(b) by when the Commission is expected to bring out its first report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) There are three members in the present Law Commission. Their names and the periods for which they have been appointed are as follows:

Name of Member	Period of appointment
1 Shri Justice R.L. Gupta	29-11-1994 to 31-8-1997
2 Shri Ch. G. Krishnamurthy	29-11-1994 to 31-8-1997
3 Prof (Mrs) Alice Jacob	19-12-1994 to 31-8-1997

(b) It is difficult to specify any time limit in this regard.

Strength of Judges

742. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any criteria has been laid down in determining the strength of Judges in a High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will consider granting extension in services of the Judges in consideration to the pending matters before the High Courts?